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Prescription Drug Take-Back Event Scheduled for October 26

Wylie, TX, September 26, 2013 – The Wylie Police Department invites the public to take part in a Prescription Drug Take-Back Event scheduled for October 26, 10 am – 2 pm, at the Wylie Police Department, 2000 North Highway 78. The service is free and anonymous.

“Help us prevent pill abuse, theft and accidents by ridding your home of expired, unwanted or unused prescription drugs and over the counter medications,” said Crime Prevention Officer Angie McIntosh. “The service is free and anonymous...no questions asked.”

Residents participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event last April 27 turned in 424 pounds of unused, unneeded, and expired over-the-counter and prescription medications to the Wylie Police Department.

“These medications were properly disposed of helping to prevent abuse and protect our children, animals and water systems,” says Crime Prevention Officer Angie McIntosh. “I want to thank the citizens of Wylie for proactively ridding their homes of these dangerous pills during our first ever Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.”

More than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs according to the recent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). That same study revealed more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet.

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According to National Safety Council, there are many reasons to safely dispose of unused medicines:

- Medicines may lose their effectiveness after they have expired, and this can be dangerous to your health if you have certain medical conditions
- The recommendations may have changed on some of your over-the-counter and prescription medicines (For example, it is no longer recommended that children under four years of age take cough or cold medicines)
- Leftover medicine can become a safety hazard to children, teenagers or other members of your household who do not understand the dangers of taking medicine not prescribed for them
- Some prescription medicines such as painkillers can be removed from your home without your knowledge and contribute to your community's drug abuse problem

For more information go to www.WylieTexas.gov/police, or www.nsc.org.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.